

NOVEMBER 7.

The President, SAMUEL G. DIXON, M.D., in the Chair.

Thirty-five persons present.

Papers under the following titles were presented for publication:  
"Description of *Ameiurus lacustris okeechobeensis*," by Henry W. Fowler.

"Observations on Fishes from the Caroline Islands," by Henry W. Fowler.

*A New Race of Short-eared Owl.*—MR. WITMER STONE exhibited a series of Short-eared Owls from Pt. Barrow, Alaska, from the collection of Mr. E. A. McIlhenny. These birds are very much paler than specimens from Pennsylvania and have the tawny tints largely replaced by white. The lower surface is white with a slight buff suffusion in some examples, while the dark stripes on the breast average narrower than in more southern specimens. The females are slightly darker than the males.

In measurements they agree pretty well with examples from the United States, the wing of eight males ranging from 11.75 to 12.25 ins. (average 11.95 ins.) and of three females from 12 to 12.30 ins. (average 12.15 ins.).

Notwithstanding the individual variations exhibited by this genus, Mr. Stone regarded these Pt. Barrow specimens as representing a distinct geographic race, probably ranging southeastward over the arctic barren grounds, and proposed to separate it as *Asio accipitrinus McIlhennyi* (Type 958 Coll. E. A. McIlhenny, Pt. Barrow, June 2, 1898, ♂).

NOVEMBER 14.

The President, SAMUEL G. DIXON, M.D., in the Chair.

One hundred and forty-three persons present.

Mr. Frank M. Chapman made an illustrated communication on the subject of the Bird Rocks of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. (No abstract.)